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Puncture Incorporating a Block and Tackle"

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT LETTER**

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Submitted herewith is a listing of documents in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. All listed documents are requested to be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of the attached form be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

The submission of any document or statement herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicant(s) does not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

### **TIMING AND FEES**

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), before the mailing date of any of a final action under § 1.113, a notice of allowance under § 1.322, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution of the application.

The fee prescribed in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) will be paid as part of the electronic filing process for submission of this information disclosure statement as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2623. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension and authorize payment of any such extension fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2623.

Respectfully submitted,

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